

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of WALSTON et al.

Continuation Serial No.:

Parent Application No.: 10/013,632

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Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: Michael E. Barr

For: LOW SULFUR ARTICLE HAVING A PLATINUM-ALUMINIDE PROTECTIVE  
LAYER AND ITS PREPARATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Please consider the following Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced  
Application.

**A.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment and  
any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

The **Amendments to the Specification** section begins on page 3 of this Preliminary  
Amendment.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.